**Proposed Homework Policy Daniels Elementary School**

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Research is varied concerning homework. We have found that although professional studies have had varied results over time, the views of parents and educators have remained relatively constant. Homework is viewed as a means of reinforcing as well as assessing lessons. It also develops good work habits and responsibility in the student. Homework is a collaboration between the teacher, student, and parent.

**Teacher Guidelines**

\* Assign homework that has been clearly explained in the classroom.

\* Check homework for quality and completion.

\* Give students an opportunity to correct homework.

\* Assess homework as a learning skill and report as such on the student’s report card.

\* Communicate with parents about incomplete or missing assignments.

\* Follow the recommended homework time allotments.

\* Do not assign homework on weekends or holiday, except for long term projects.

**Student Responsibilities**

\* Keep track of homework assignments and ask for clarification if necessary.

\* Turn assignments in on time.

\* Do your best work.

\* Talk to parents and teacher if you are having trouble with your homework.

\* Use your homework time wisely.

**Parent Responsibilities**

\* Provide a regular time and place that is quiet to do homework.

\* Monitor your child’s assignments.

\* Encourage your child to complete homework on his/her own. Assist only as needed.

\* Contact the teacher with any questions regarding your child’s homework.

**Recommended Homework Time Allotments**

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|  | Reading Time\*^ | Written Homework |
| Kindergarten | 15 minutes |  |
| Grade 1 | 15 minutes | 10 minutes |
| Grade 2 | 15 minutes | 15 minutes |
| Grade 3 | 15 minutes | 20 minutes |
| Grade 4 | 20 minutes | 25 minutes |
| Grade 5 | 20 minutes | 30 minutes |

\*Reading also includes being read to by adults or an older sibling.

^Encourage your child to read for pleasure. Help them to select books that they are interested in reading.